

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

SPOILED NO-HIT GAME

Freckled-Faced Youngster Upset Plan of John Clarkson.

With Twenty-Six Batmen Out of Way Hugh Jennings Cracks Out Clean Single on the Very First Ball Pitched to Him.

John G. Clarkson, known as the "wizard of the diamond," just about the time he was finishing up his career with the Boston Nationals in the season of 1922, had a no-hit game well in hand; in fact, he had only one more player to dispose of—only one. The game was against Louisville.

Clarkson had disposed of 26 batmen without the semblance of a hit. The twenty-seventh man who was to be or not to be the next victim was a low-headed youth named Hugh Jennings.

The great Clarkson wanted that game to be on record as a no-hit affair, although the master had recorded a few of these classics before, to give the required finishing touch to an already brilliant record.

And right here did Hugh A. Jennings perpetrate the most cruel act of his long and honorable baseball career when he spoiled, or foiled, the grand vet's chance to add another laurel to his wreath. With two men gone in the ninth and a hitless game within his grasp, Clarkson prepared to do things to the freckled-faced youngster at bat.

It was always taken as a sure sign that when Clarkson began to pull the hair which adorned his upper lip that he was on edge and about to let loose all he had, so when Hughes stepped to the plate Clarkson began pulling the ends of his handsome mustache and also pulled down his cap. The red-head at bat had no whippers to pull but he bravely pulled down his cap and awaited the onslaught. Crack, the first ball that Clarkson shot through Hughes' stung for a clean hit and it was the only one made that game, for the next batter was an easy victim.

NAP LAJOIE GREAT SLUGGER

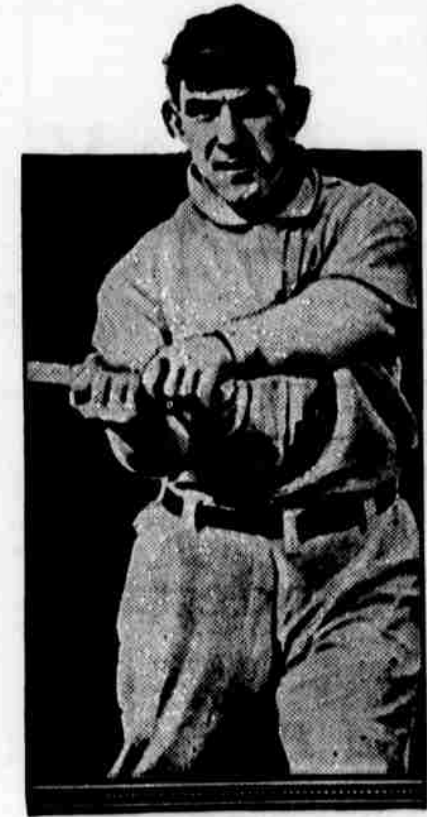
Herman Schaefer Says No Man Ever Had as Quick and Powerful Swing as Big Frenchman.

"I have seen them all come and go, from Ed Deleahanty to Ty Cobb and Bonnie Kauff," says Herman Schaefer, "and Napoleon Lajoie was the greatest batter of them all. The big Frenchman was never very fast. He hung up his batting averages by clean driving, and he went as high as .422.

"There never was a man with his eye for a pitched ball. No man ever had his quick, powerful swing. I have seen him hit a fast ball on the outside and turn it down third base a mile a minute.

"The greatest feat I ever saw him perform was in Cleveland many years ago, when I was with Detroit. Rube Summers was pitching for us.

"There were bleachers in right field in those days in the old Cleveland



Nap Lajoie.

park. Summers wanted to walk Lajoie that day. Nap hated to be walked in a pinch. Summers kept the ball well on the outside. He got three balls on Larry. On the fourth the big Frenchman just reached out, holding the bat in one hand, and hit the ball into the right-field stand for a home run.

"Cobb is a wonder, and with his speed has hung up higher averages than Lajoie. But, to my mind, Nap was the greatest hitter the game has ever produced."

Member of Strategy Board. Chief Bender has been made a member of the Philly strategy board by Pat Moran and he will be out on the coaching lines like he used to be for Connie Mack. Connie, by the way, tells Moran that Bender is the smartest ball player that ever pulled on a uniform.

Rariden is Best Catcher. "Rariden," says Charley Dooin, "is the best catcher in the National league. Only Archer is close to him."

UNPOPULARITY IS BIG BUSINESS GETTER



Frequently unpopularity pays good dividends. John J. McGraw was at one time cordially loathed in Chicago and Pittsburgh. It is possible that he is not beloved in either center of civilization now. He is, however, more popular than he once was, and consequently the Giants no longer do the business in those cities they did before he began to lose his unpopularity.

Frank Leroy Chance was as unpopular in New York as John J. McGraw

was in Chicago, yet no team ever did the business at the Polo grounds that the Cub outfit did when it was led by the Peerless Leader, and when it was taken around the country by Secretary Charles G. Williams.

There may be a reopening of the old spirit of hostility in Chicago toward McGraw and in New York toward Tinker this year. Should the old popular prejudices against these men be revived, an increase in the gate receipts may be expected.

REFUSES TO BE COUNTED OUT

Eddie Plank Scoffs at Idea He Is Through—Expects to Stick in Game Five Years More.

Eddie Plank, old-time nemesis of the Tigers, refuses to be counted out. He scoffs at the idea he won't amount to much this season, and confounds his critics by the assertion that he expects to keep on pitching until he is forty-five years old. Here is what he had to say: "I've never had a sore



Eddie Plank.

arm, and when I quit the game it will be because I am tired of it. I'm forty now, but I'm going to stick in the big leagues for five years more. At forty-five, then, I think I'll be prepared to stay at home. Pitching is a job. It must be studied by the pitcher. He must study the other fellow, the batter, and then give him what he knows he cannot hit. That's the way I have pitched for 15 years. The fellow with the fast ball will last longer than the one with the curve. I'll pitch five fast ones to a single curve or slow ball. But the winning pitcher must have the combination. He must mix 'em to the batter. Control is the biggest point."

BASEBALL NOTES

The Cleveland club has released Pitcher Nick Carter to the Indianapolis club.

Manager Danny Shay has released Catcher Pat Collins to Beaumont of the Texas league.

Catcher George Boelsie, turned back by Nashville to Quincy, has been traded to the Duluth club by Quincy for infielder R. J. Baker.

The price of baseballs is going up. Hereafter a fan can't afford to return a fouled-off ball for less than two tickets to the next game.

The veteran catcher, Harry Bemis, recently released by Elmira of the New York State league, has signed with Utica of the same league.

Herman Bronkie, once with Cleveland, then manager of the Toledo team and for two years with Indianapolis, announces that he has quit baseball.

Jack Compton, former manager of the Dayton Central league club, has signed with the Muskegon club and expects to win a place on the pitching staff.

The pitching "Babe" Adams continues to break in. The Wheeling club of the Central league announces the signing of one. He hails from Laporte, Ind.

Milwaukee and not Rochester gets Jim Thorpe from the New York Giants. Tommy Leach thought he had a promise from McGraw of the Indian, but seems to have been mistaken.

BETTING ON BASEBALL RACE

St. Louis, as First Choice, Brings \$725, With Boston at \$850—New Yorks Rank Third.

In a club baseball pool, auctioned off at a dinner in St. Louis, a few nights ago, the Red Sox were second choice. The St. Louis Browns sold at first choice and were knocked down to President Phil Ball for \$725. The Red Sox, designated as second choice and sold as such, brought a bigger price, because of the spirited bidding, and finally were acquired by Judge George Williams, an ardent fan, and until recently the attorney of the St. Louis American league club. Judge Williams paid \$850 for this selection. Then, in order, came the New Yorks, White Sox, Tigers and Washington, while the Athletics and Indians were coupled as the field.

LUCKY WITH ITS BACKSTOPS

St. Louis Cardinals Fortunate in Picking Up Catchers—Tony Brotem is Latest Youngster Picked Up.

For some reason, the Cardinals have been one of the most fortunate teams in the country in picking up catchers. Ivy Wingo and Frank Snyder are two acknowledged stars developed by the St. Louis Nationals. Jack Roche was also developing into a great backstop when his arm went bad. This year Manager Huggins has another fine backstopping prospect in Tony Brotem, unless the early signs fail. Brotem is a big, rangy boy, with a good arm and clean action in getting rid of the ball.

ENSIGN COTTRELL HAS QUIT

Former Major League Twirler Enters Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute—Taking Special Work.

Ensign Cottrell, who was with the Boston Braves when they won the pennant, and who served as a twirler with the Pittsburgh and Chicago Nationals, the New York and Philadelphia Amer-



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icans and the Baltimore and Richmond Internationals, has quit the game and has entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, where he is taking special work. Cottrell is working for an engineer's degree.

Tris Speaker's Salary. Tris Speaker started playing baseball for \$65 a month. Last year, if his pay was \$17,500 as reported, he received a third more than \$65 as his salary for a day.

Joe Judge's Former Job. Joe Judge, the Washington first baseman, used to be an employee of the New York Edison company,

HIGHER CLASS IN 1916

President of American Association Is Quite Optimistic.

Predicts Faster Ball Will Be Played Account Large Number of Players Thrown on Market After Federal League Disbanded.

Faster ball will be played in the American Association during the season of 1916 than in any period in the history of the organization. The reason for this is the large number of good players that were on the market after the Federal league disbanded.

The club owners of the American association were prompt in taking advantage of this situation, and I think their patrons will appreciate their energy when the season is under way. It is a fact that the Federal league developed a large number of young ball players, in fact, too many for the major leagues to take care of under the existing limitations on major league teams in the number of men they can carry.

Most of these players have come to the American association teams and this class of talent combined with the best men on the teams of last year will serve to advance the general standard of play to a plane higher than has been reached by any organization outside the two major leagues.

That there has been a decided revival of interest in the national sport is evidenced by the immense crowds that attended the opening games. Everything considered, it is but reasonable to anticipate that 1916 will be the banner year of the association.

With the many changes in the personnel of the teams, any prediction as to the final outcome of the pennant race before the middle of the season would be largely guesswork. Until the different combinations and changes are tested in actual play on the diamonds during the first two months of the season, their ultimate worth and comparative ability will remain in doubt. I look for a close race.

CAREER OF JIMMY CALLAHAN

Manager of Pittsburgh Pirates Broke Into Baseball Game at Pepperell, Mass., in 1893.

Jimmy Callahan, manager of the Pittsburgh National league club, broke into baseball in the semiprofessional ranks at Pepperell, Mass., in 1893. The following year he was given a trial by the Phillies and released. In 1895 he pitched for Springfield (Mass.) club and was drafted by the Kansas City (Western league) club and the Pittsburgh Nationals, being awarded to the latter. The following year he went to the Chicago Nationals and pitched for that club for four years, when he was obtained by the Chicago White Sox, for whom he pitched two years. In 1903 he was made manager of the team and played third base. The following year he resigned as manager and played in the outfield that and the following season.

From 1906 to 1910 he managed the Logan Squares of Chicago, and in 1911 he went back to the White Sox as an



Manager Jimmy Callahan.

outfielder, playing that position in 1911 and 1912. In 1913 and 1914 he was bench manager of the Sox, and during the last season he acted as business manager of the club. He is forty-one years old.

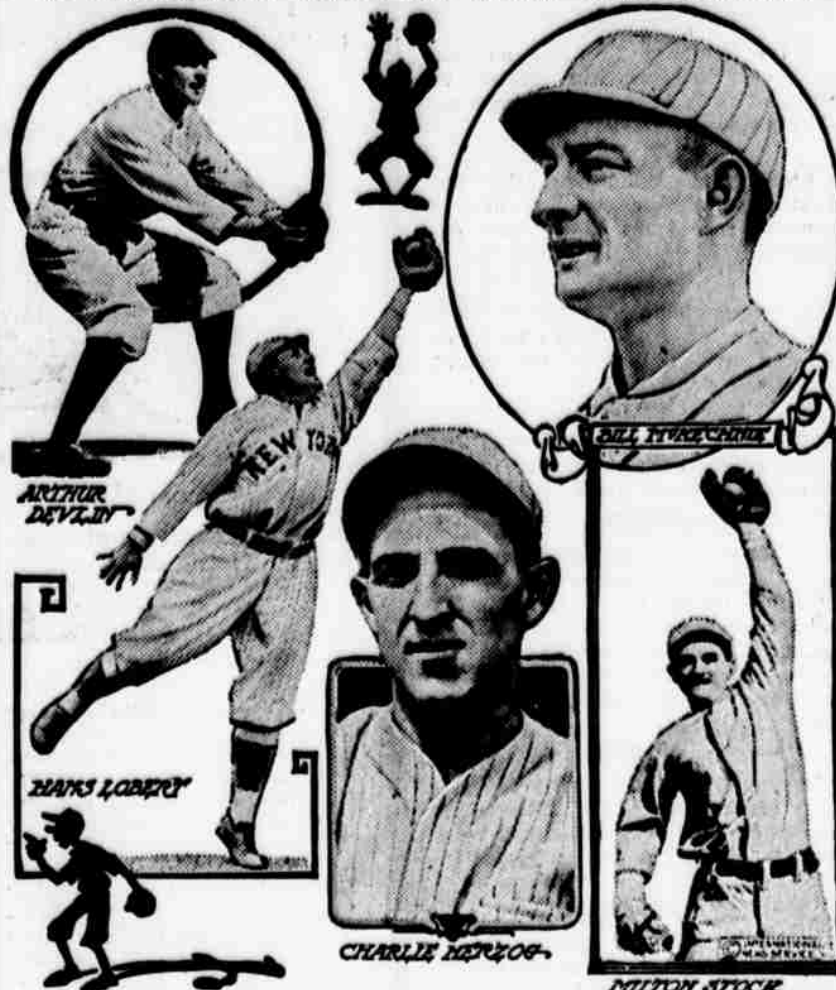
BENNY KAUFF PRAISES COBB

New York Player Denies He Ever Claimed He Was Great Player—Says He Was Misquoted.

Benny Kauff has given out an interview which sounds much better than anything he has been credited with thus far. He now denies that he ever claimed he was a great player and adds that he was misquoted last winter. He believes that Cobb is the greatest player living and will be satisfied if he can be the second best. He got a lot of good advertising from the fake interviews, though.

Stallings Likes Blackburn. George Stallings is enthusiastic over the work of Blackburn, a young catcher, who will be Hank Gowdy's understudy in the Boston Braves' catching department.

M'GRAW HAS TROUBLE WITH OLD STATION



John McGraw as a player was one of the greatest third basemen in the history of baseball, and as a manager he has had more than his share of trouble with third base.

For many years Arthur Devlin guarded this corner about as well as anybody ever has guarded it, but of late years third base has given John J. plenty of worry. Temperamental Tillie Shaffer had McGraw guessing as to the length of time he would stick with the Giants, and finally he did retire, just when he was being figured on to play the position regularly.

Charley Herzog was a great third baseman, but the temperaments of Charles and the Little Napoleon did not fit very well, and Herzog was passed along. Milton Stock proved a disappointment in 1914, and last season Hans Lobert failed to play up to expectations. Now Lobert has sustained an injury which may end his active career in the majors.

Brainard, placed on third after the injury, failed to impress John J., and was sent back to the minors, and Bill McKelchne was secured to fill the vacant place.

DAY OF SLOWBALL TWIRLER

Pitcher Who Hasn't Unusual Speed Has No More Chance in American League Organization.

Jimmy Burke has something to say about American league pitching that is worth passing on. Declares the peppy one: "The day of the slowball pitcher has passed. I don't care who he is, or what he has, a flogger who hasn't unusual speed has no chance in the American league any more. Absolutely the only ball that can get by in this circuit is a fast one with cayenne whippers, whatever they are. An assortment of curves and floaters is all right to make variety, but a fast ball is the de luxe requirement these days."

NEW HURLERS GIVE PROMISE

Three Additions to Phillie Staff Are Adams, Fortune and Rhoades, All Right-Handers.

There has been a good deal said about Pat Moran, manager of the Philadelphia Nationals, standing pat with his champions, but that is hardly in line with the facts. He has made a number of changes and added quite a bunch of recruits for tryouts, particularly in the way of pitchers. Three additions to the staff are Adams, Fortune, who made a fine record in North Carolina last year, and Rhoades, who was secured in a trade from Milwaukee. All are right-handers and all hope to become Alexanders.

ADAMS ALLOWS BUT ONE HIT

Pittsburgh Pitcher Makes First Notable Performance of the National League Season.

The first notable pitching performance of the National League season was by "Babe" Adams of the Pirates against the Cardinals in the second game of the opening series, when he held the Cards to one hit, that a gift of liberal scoring. Snyder in the third inning hit a slow roller to second



"Babe" Adams.

Schultz booted it awhile and then threw too late to get Snyder, a notoriously slow runner, at first. The Pirate players all claimed a no-hit game for Adams, but the St. Louis scorer couldn't see it that way and recorded Snyder as making a hit.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Gallery of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building. Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Canton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave. Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6222 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5655 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 23d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 112 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg. 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 28 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1286 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

The Micholob Club which meets at Ohio and Clark streets in Sauerman's splendid room is growing in membership and power every day.

Simon O'Donnell is an honest, earnest and respected leader in the world of labor.

Joseph F. Haas, the popular former County Clerk, is one of the most valuable and clear sighted of Republican leaders.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.

Henry J. Kolze made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

Patrick J. Carr is making a good record as trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Frank H. Jones is not only a democrat of national reputation, but a financier who is respected by everybody.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuck is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Joseph E. Flanagan is a Democratic leader of force and character.

Judge Kichham Scanlan fulfills the expectations of his friends. His record on the bench is a good one.

Trustee James M. Dailley of the Sanitary District always looks after the interests of the people.

Thomas J. Webb is respected in business and public life. He is an ideal member of the Board of Review.

The Little Giant motor truck is the best on the market.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

The Louisville club has sold Pitcher Ross Reynolds to Denver of the Western league.

The Washington club has released Pitcher Marvin Goodwin to the Richmond Internationals.

The Tacoma Northwestern league club has closed a deal for Catcher Jack Roche of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Chattanooga club has released Wilson Collins, the former Vanderbilt university player who got a trial with the Boston Braves.

Manager Billy Smith of the Richmond Internationals is quoted as saying the deal with Atlanta for transfer of Shortstop Tommy McMillan to the Crackers is off.

Ally McWilliams, star of the champion Greyhound basket ball five, who played baseball with Frank Baker at Upland last season, may get a try-out with the New York Americans this year.